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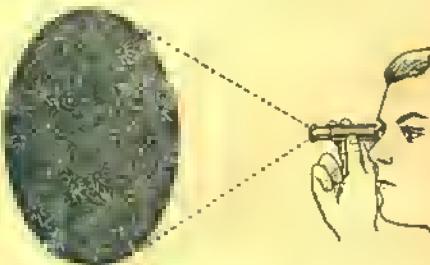
This is how the RADIUMSCOPE looks. Metal, nickel-plated telescope case. Handy and easy to focus to any eyesight. Carry it in your pocket.

Our RADIUMSCOPE actually contains a small quantity of real radium.

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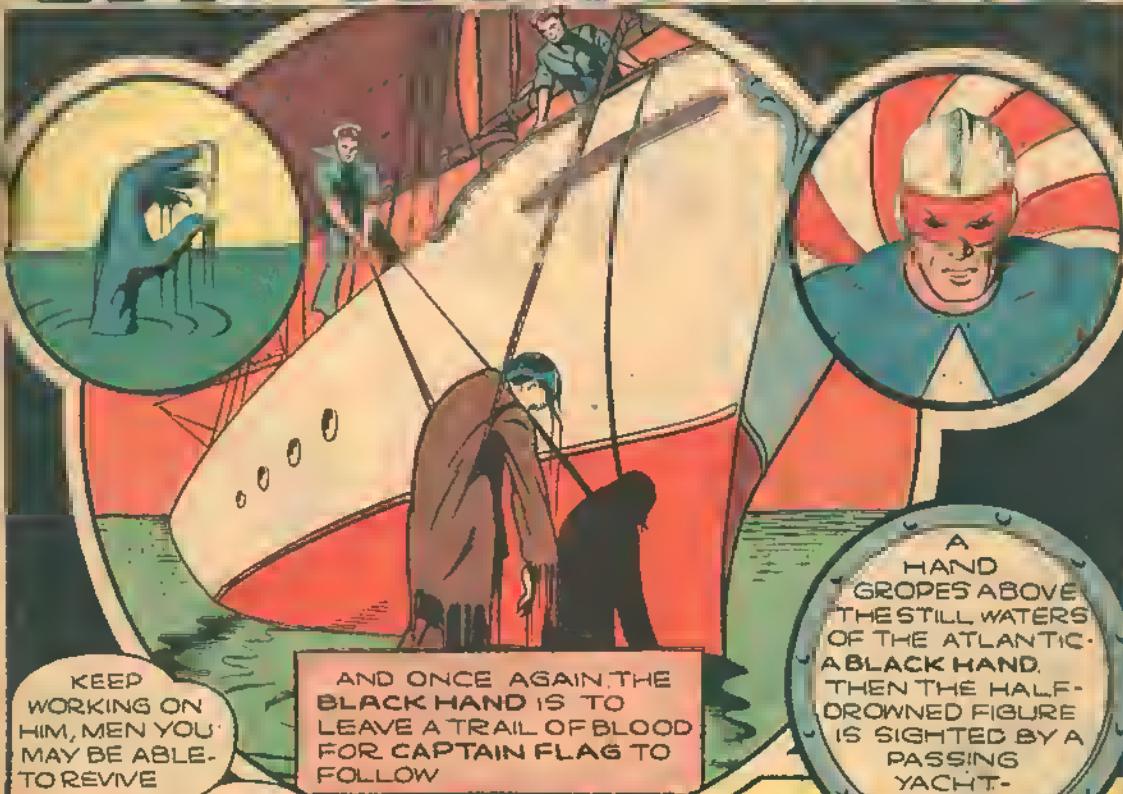
I enclose 50c in coin, money order, or new U. S. stamp.

NAME (print clearly)

ADDRESS

CITY STATE
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CAPTAIN FLAG



KEEP WORKING ON HIM, MEN YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REVIVE HIM.

I THINK HE'S BREATHING NOW.

AND ONCE AGAIN THE BLACK HAND IS TO LEAVE A TRAIL OF BLOOD FOR CAPTAIN FLAG TO FOLLOW

A HAND GROPES ABOVE THE STILL WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC. A BLACK HAND. THEN THE HALF-DROWNED FIGURE IS SIGHTED BY A PASSING YACHT.



HE CERTAINLY IS AN UGLY LOOKING DEVIL.

GIVES ME THE CREEPS TO LOOK AT HIM, SIR.



2
DAYS
LATER

THERE'S A
WHALE OF A
STORM BLOW-
ING UP.

I'D BETTER
SEE HOW THE
POOR DEVILS,
BEFORE THE
STORM BEGINS.

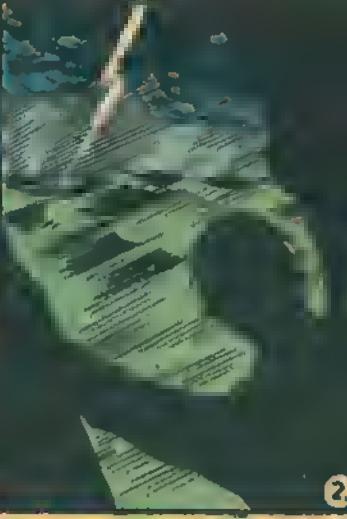
SEEMS TO BE
SOMETHING THE
MATTER WITH
HIS HAND.

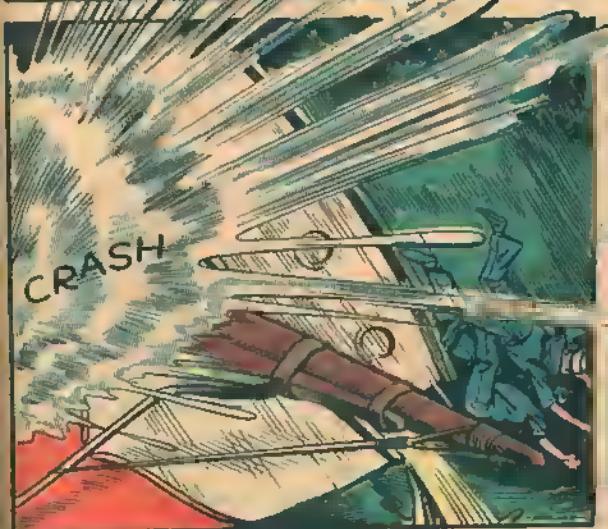
WHY, THIS
IS THE BLACK
HAND!

EXACTLY-HA-HA!
AND HERE'S
HOW IT FEELS
ON YOUR
THROAT!

I'D BETTER
DISPOSE OF
HIM BEFORE
SOMEBODY
COMES IN.

SUDDENLY A STORM
BREAKS WITH TER-
RIFIC FURY AND
THE SHIP PITCHES
VIOLENTLY.





AND AS THOUGH PROTECTED BY THE FORCES OF EVIL ITSELF, THE ONLY STIRRING FIGURE ABOARD THE SHIP IS THE BLACK HAND-



ALL DEAD... AND THIS SHIP, WHAT'S LEFT OF IT IS MINE - ALL MINE!



WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PIRACY AND LOOT... A MILLIONAIRE'S YACHT COULD GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO ITS PREY WITHOUT BEING SUSPECTED!

HMM, THE ENGINE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WATER-SOAKED. NOW TO GET IT RUNNING LONG ENOUGH TO REACH SOME PORT ANYWAY!



ONE WEEK LATER - AND THROUGH THE SHROUDS OF FOG AND RAIN A GHOST VESSEL LIMPS UNSEEN INTO A FOREIGN PORT--



THE BLACK HAND ROUNDS UP A CREW OF CUT-THROATS AND THIEVES - THE SCUM OF THE WATERFRONT --



THE YACHT IS MADE SEA-WORTHY AGAIN. CANNON ARE MOUNTED BELOW DECKS --

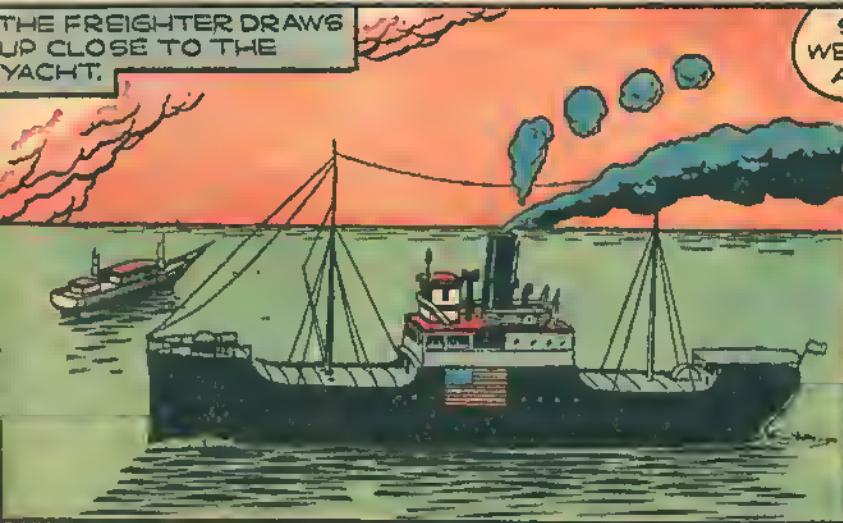


THE FIRST VICTIM OF
THE BLACK HAND.

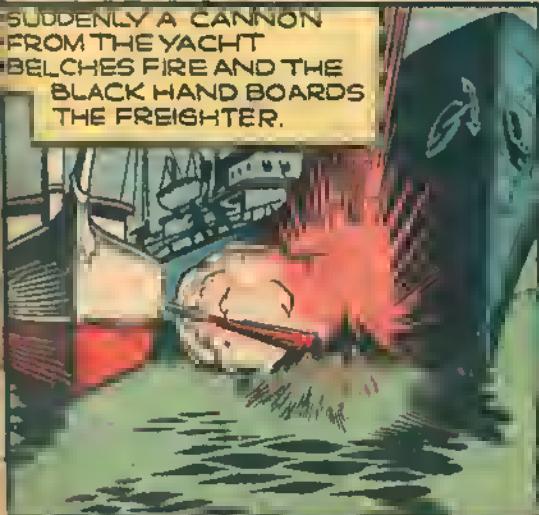
AN
S.O.S. FROM A
YACHT OFF TRINI-
DAD. CAPTAIN
ORDERS FULL
STEAM
AHEAD.



THE FREIGHTER DRAWS
UP CLOSE TO THE
YACHT.



SUDDENLY A CANNON
FROM THE YACHT
BELCHES FIRE AND THE
BLACK HAND BOARDS
THE FREIGHTER.



THERE'LL BE
VERY LITTLE
FIGHT LEFT
IN YOU
SOON.



HURRY MEN - GET THE CARGO OFF HER BEFORE SHE SINKS.



TRAPPED BY THE BLACK HAND, SHIP AFTER SHIP MEETS ITS DOOM.



DAILY REPORTER
EXTRA

4TH U.S. SHIP DESTROYED BY NAZIS

NOW-CAPTAIN FLAG READS OF THE DISASTERS.



MILLIONAIRE YACHTS MAN JOHN BARTON'S BODY WASHED UP ON BEACH. BARTON IS THOUGHT TO BE A VICTIM OF ONE OF THE NAZI RAIDERS WHICH LATELY HAVE BEEN INFESTING THE AMERICAN WATERS AND SINKING OUR SHIPS. A PECULIAR FEAT. IT WAS THE COLOR OF BARTON'S FACE.

BLACK FACE ON CORPSE! GOOD LORD! IT CAN'T BE THE BLACK HAND! I SAW HIM DROWN! --AND YET I THINK I'LL LOOK FOR A JOB ON A FREIGHTER.



WELL, I'VE GOT THE JOB. NOW TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS ON THIS TRIP.



FROM THE DECK OF CAPTAIN FLAG'S SHIP. LOOKS LIKE A DERELICT SHIP.



THERE'S A FREIGHTER JUST WAITING FOR US. MAN THE GUNS!



ON THE FREIGHTER!

AHOY THERE,
ANYBODY ABOARD?



AND ON THE YACHT

ILL GIVE
IT TO HER
NOW!



BEFORE THE PI-
RATES BOARD
THE SHIP, A LONE
SAILOR DUCKS IN-
TO A CABIN SOON
TO EMERGE AS
CAPTAIN FLAG.



OUT OF MY
WAY YOU
LUBBER



THIS'LL MAKE YOU
WISH YOU'D NEVER
GONE TO SEA.

OUT OF MY WAY.
I HAVE A JOB
TO DO.

THE BLACK
HAND
HURLS A
MARLIN
SPIKE A
CAPTAIN
FLAG.

CAPTAIN
FLAG
ILL GE
HIM THE
TIME!

CAPTAIN FLAG DUCKS
IN TIME.

THE BLACK HAND.
SO YOU AREN'T DEAD
AFTER ALL!

WELL YOU'LL
SOON WISH
YOU WERE!

POW

NOW I'LL FINISH
YOU CAP-
TAIN
FLAG

PUT HIM IN IRONS!
I HAVE A SPECIAL
TREAT IN STORE
FOR
HIM!

I MUST GET OUT OR THE WHOLE CREW IS DOOMEO.

TIE THE FREIGHTER'S CREW TO THE MASTS

THIS'LL TEACH YER NOT TO OPEN YER TRAP AGAIN.

ALL RIGHT MEN! NOW NAIL DOWN THAT GANG PLANK, AND THEN BRING FLAG UP!

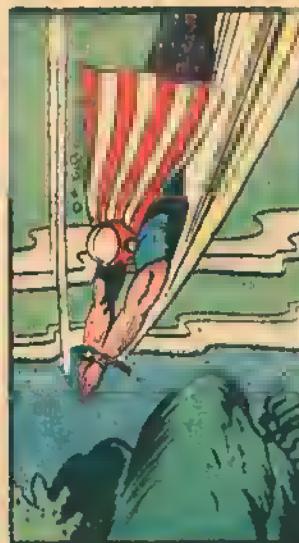
CAPTAIN FLAG IS BROUGHT UP FROM THE BRIG.
MOVE ALONG! IT WON'T HELP YOU TO STALL.

I HAVE A VERY PLEASANT DEATH PREPARED FOR YOU, CAPTAIN FLAG. YOU'RE GOING TO WALK THE PLANK!

OR PERHAPS YOU'D PREFER ME TO SHOOT OFF YOUR LEGS AND ARMS--- THEN FEED YOU TO THE FISH.

MAKE UP YOUR MIND FAST, FLAG BEFORE I MAKE IT UP FOR YOU!







YOU BOYS WERE SLATED TO BE BLOWN UP BUT I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE THE LAUGH IN THE BLACK HAND NOW.



RANG-A-TANG

THE WONDER DOG... AND

Ricky

the AMAZING BOY



A LONE TRAPPER BENDS OVER HIS TRAPS IN THE PEACEFULLY QUIET AND TRANQUIL NORTH WOODS. SUDDENLY A HULKING FIGURE STEPS FROM BEHIND A TREE! A RAZOR-SHARP AXE FLASHES BRIEFLY IN THE SUNLIGHT AND DEATH MAKES HIS UNWELCOME APPEARANCE WITHOUT EVEN DISTURBING THE GRIM SILENCE -



WITH THIS PUNK OUT OF THE WAY ALL THE TRAPPING DONE IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS WILL BE DONE BY ME, NOW!



THE NEXT DAY, THE VA-
CATIONING RANG-A-TANG,
HY SPEED AND RICHY ARE
WALKING THROUGH THE
WOODS -

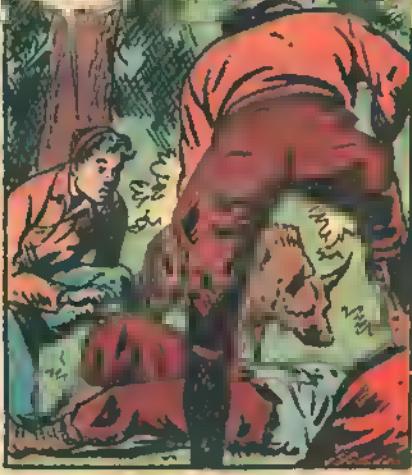


WHEN SUDDENLY -

LOOK! HY, RANG
SEEMS TO HAVE
FOUND SOME-
THING!



LOOK AT
THAT CUT
ON HIS
HEAD,
HY!



WE'D BETTER GO
BACK TO CAMP AND
SEND A PARTY OUT
AFTER THIS BODY!



AS THEY NEAR THEIR
CAMP -

WONDER WHAT THAT
CROWD'S ALL ABOUT, RICHY?
COME ON - LET'S
FIND OUT!



WHAT'S IT'S THAT
THE BULLY, SCOTT,
TROUBLE AND HIS DOG -
HERE, THEY'RE ALWAYS
MISTER CAUSING TROU-
BLE AROUND
HERE!



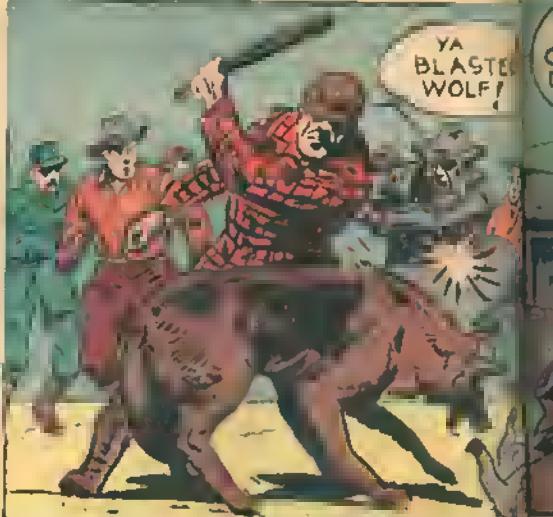
WHY DON'T
YOU STOP
THEM - IT'S
TOO UN-
FAIR A
MATCH!



LET 'EM
ALONE OR
I'LL SLUG
YA!

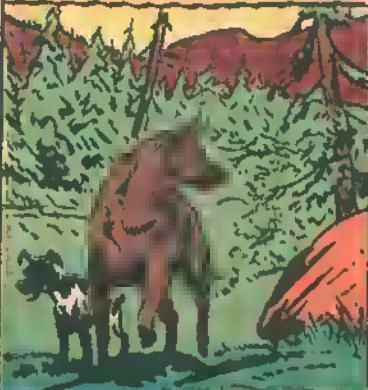
RANG, SEEING THE SMALL-
ER DOG'S PLIGHT, IMMEDI-
ATELY SPRINGS TO HIS
AID -







MEANWHILE RANG AND HIS NEW-FOUND PAL HAVE BEEN LIVING LIKE BEASTS OF THE FOREST - SUDDENLY THEY HEAR A SOUND -



AND A LARGE, PORTLY BEAR COMES INTO VIEW -



THE HUNGRY PAIR CIRCLE BEHIND SOME NEARBY ROCKS -



AND CAUTIOUSLY AWAIT THEIR PREY -



THEN SUDDENLY --



THE FIERCENESS OF THE SURPRISE ATTACK PROVES TOO MUCH FOR EVEN THE HUGE BEAR, AND HE IS SOON AT RANG'S MERCY -



MEANWHILE, CLOSE BY RICHY IS SEARCHING FOR RANG -

MAYBE THE PEOPLE IN THAT CABIN CAN GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION ABOUT RANG!





MEANWHILE, CLOSE BY THE
RAVENOUSLY HUNGRY DUO
PREPARE TO EAT THEIR
PREY - WHEN SUDDENLY -



RANG PAUSES AND
PERKS UP HIS EARS AT
THE VAGUELY FAMILIAR
TONES -



WHILE - THINK YOU'RE
PRETTY SMART.
DO YOU? WELL, THIS
TIME YOU'RE REALLY
GOING TO LEARN
SOMETHING!



THE FRANTIC CRIES SEEM
TO SNAP SOMETHING IN
RANG'S MIND AND HIS NOR-
MAL PROTECTIVE IN-
STINCTS HAVE BEEN
AROUSED -



FASTER AND FASTER
HE RACES IN THE DIR-
ECTION OF THE SHOUTS



ARRIVING, HE IMMEDIATE-
LY RECOGNIZES THE
STRUGGLING VICTIM AS
HIS MASTER, RICHY -



AND HE CHARGES VICIOUSLY AT HIS ANTAGON-
IST -

SO IT'S YOU
AGAIN - YA
SHAGGY DEVIL!



I'LL KILL YA
SURE - THIS
TIME!



SCOTT'S DESPERATE BLOW MOMENTARILY
STUNS RANG -



AND -

YOU'LL NEVER
BOther NO-
BODY AGAIN!

STOP/
DON'T
KILL
HIM!



JUST THEN - RANG'S PAL
RUSHES BREATHLESSLY
ONTO THE SCENE SEEING
HIS FRIEND'S DANGER -



HE LEAPS BRAVELY AT
SCOTT'S UP-RAISED ARM -



AND -

GET OFFA
ME - YA
SQUIRT!

GET HIM-
RANG!



AS RANG LEAPS, THE FIERCE-
NESS OF HIS CHARGE
SENDS SCOTT OVER
THE EDGE OF THE
PRECIPICE -



WITH HIS LOYAL PAL STILL HANGING ON
FEROCIOUSLY -



STOP - RANG!
YOU'LL GO
OVER,
TOO!

COME BACK
HERE! YOU
CAN'T HELP
HIM NOW!

COME ON, RANG
WE CAN GET
TO HIM DOWN
THIS WAY!

POOR LITTLE FELLOW-
HE'S DONE FOR!

GOLLY, RANG, TH- THEY'RE
BOTH DEAD! THE LEAST WE
CAN DO FOR YOUR PAL IS
TO GIVE HIM A DECENT
BURIAL, RANG!

HE WAS A REAL FRIEND, RANG! HE PUT HIS
LOYALTY AND FRIENDSHIP BEFORE EVERY-
THING. HE EVEN GAVE UP HIS LIFE TO
SAVE HIS FRIEND!

COME ON, PAL, WE MIGHT
AS WELL START FOR HOME.
THE LUMBERJACKS WILL
BE SENT BACK HERE FOR
SCOTT'S
CORPSE!

AS RICHY WALKS OFF SADLY, RANG STAYS BEHIND
FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT TO PAY HIS LAST RE-
SPECTS TO HIS PAL IN HIS OWN WAY-

the RANG-A-TANG CLUB

HONOR LEGION

CARE AND TRAINING OF DOGS

MEMBERSHIP



the RANG-A-TANG HONOR LEGION

HOW TO QUALIFY

There are two ways in which you can be admitted as a charter member of the Honor Legion.

1st Way—If keeping with your Rang-a-Tang animal membership, write on a letter relating on exceptional deed you performed involving bledom or courage toward your animal, be it dog, cat, horse, bird, or wildlife, and you will be eligible to become a charter member in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion.

All letters must be certified by yourself or guardian.

2—All those who become charter members will have their names published in the *Blue Ribbon Comics*.

Outstanding letters will be published in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion page.

2nd Way—Solicit two of your friends or members of the Rang-a-Tang Club. Here's how to do it:

A—Just drop them a reply for membership to the right in the same way as you did.

B—Then drop me a post card giving me their names and addresses.

C—Go over and write your own name and address to the card and then make you a charter member of the Honor Legion.

Charter members of the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion will receive a beautifully engraved Honor Legion diploma, suitable for framing, signed by Dr. Alexander Slawson, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, the author, Jas. Slawson, Jr., Dr. Slawson, Jr., and myself.

Don't remember this: It is only necessary to do one of the above two things to obtain charter membership in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion. Go to it.

MF RANG

THIS MONTH'S MEMBERSHIP LIST

Robert Yarbor
Box 526
Oxon Rogers, Va.

James Daniels
1645 York St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Ann Smith
100 Broadside Village
Ebensburg, Penn.

Bob Brancum
R.R. #1
Rector, Md.

Tom Yermer
Hillsboro, Va.

J. J. Saliga
254 N. Franklin
Santa Cruz, Calif.

MY SPEED
#6 BLUE RIBBON COMICS
160 WEST BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY

DEAR MR. SPEED:

PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE RANG-A-TANG CLUB. I ENCLOSE 10¢ IN COIN TO COVER COST OF HANDLING. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT I AM TO RECEIVE MY MEMBERSHIP CARD AND A RANG-A-TANG BUTTON.

NAME (PRINT CLEARLY)

CITY AND STATE

OATH ON MY HONOR, I PLEDGE MYSELF TO DEAL KINDLY WITH ALL ANIMALS, BE THEY IN DISTRESS OR OTHERWISE, TO DO A GOOD DEED WHENEVER I CAN, IN ALL PLACES, AT ALL TIMES, I WILL KEEP THIS PLEDGE CONSTANTLY IN MY HEART AND IN MY MIND.

I DO SO SOLEMNLY SWEAR—

SIGN NAME.....

Everyone loves a dog. That is because down deep inside everyone is kind and because everyone seeks companionship. The old adage "Man's best friend is his dog" still holds true.

Do you own a dog? Whether you do or whether you don't, you are entitled to join the Rang-a-Tang Club and to become a prospect for charter membership in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion.

The purpose of the Rang-a-Tang Club is to have fellowship among doglovers and dog owners and to promote kindness towards animals. Also the club wants to help you with any problem concerning your dog. The Rang-a-Tang Club's veterinarian, Dr. Alexander Slawson will furnish to members of the club absolutely free by mail only, information about the care and training of dogs.

HOW TO JOIN THE RANG-A-TANG CLUB

Fill in the coupon which contains the Rang-a-Tang Oath and mail it to My Speed together with 10¢ in coin, to cover handling.

Members of the Rang-a-Tang Club will receive an embossed membership card and a Rang-a-Tang button as well as a free copy of Dr. Slawson's booklet "Highlights on the Health of Your Dog and Cat" and the privilege of becoming a charter member in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion. Members will also be entitled to receive by mail only the professional advice of Dr. Alexander Slawson, veterinarian, absolutely free.

THIS MONTH'S HONOR LEGION LETTER

DEAR MY SPEED,

On my way home from a ballgame I was passing by a bridge. Up ahead across the stream, I saw a man on the bridge losing a sack into the water. I didn't know what made me do what I did, but somehow I fell these see something wrong, I dashed into the shallow stream and got the big oil quickly. Something was bubbling inside. I pulled it out. It was a dog. That dog was quite awhile ago. The dog had since given up and we are fast friends.

Sincerely yours,
John Coley, New York, N.Y.

QUESTIONNAIRE PRINT PLAINLY

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

BREED OF DOG.....

APPROXIMATE WEIGHT.....

EYES.....

NOSE.....

OTHER REMARKS.....

SEX OF DOG.....

CONDITION OF COAT (HAIR).....

BOWEL FUNCTIONS.....

ADDRESS.....

AGE.....

The FOX

GOOD LORD! IT'S INSPECTOR HANSON---AND---HIS---HIS FINGERS----GONE LIKE THE OTHERS!

OUT OF THE MURKY EAST RIVER, THE CREW OF A HARBOR POLICE BOAT PULL IN THE WET AND SINISTER FORM ONE OF THE CHINATOWN SQUAD---NOW A FINGERLESS CORPSE!



RUTH RANSOM ALWAYS ALERT FOR A STORY MEETS THE POLICE BOAT AT THE DOCK.

LISTEN SISTER! IF YOU EVER WANT ANY TIPS FROM THE FORCE AGAIN, YOU'D BETTER KEEP THIS UNDER YOUR HAT!

HEY! HOW'D THAT REPORTER GET HERE?

BACK AT THE DAILY GLOBE
CHIEF, I THINK I'LL DRO-
DOWN TO CHINATOWN-
YOU KNOW---HUMAN
INTREST
STORY'



HUMAN INT.... HUH, NOT
IF I KNOW RUTH THERE
MUST BE SOMETHING
UP, DOWN THERE AND I'M
WRITING MYSELF A PER-
SONAL IN-
VITATION
NOW!



NO PAUL...YOU'D
BETTER HAVE
YOUR CHOW
MEIN SENT IN.
I'M GO-
ING
AT NE...



BUT-DISGUISED,
PATTON
FOLLOWS
ANYWAY!



RUTH BOARDS A CHINATOWN SIGHT SEEING
BUS, CLOSELY SHADOWED BY THE UN-
RECOGNIZABLE PATTON.



SOON THEY ARRIVE
AT THE HEART OF
THE ORIENTAL DIS-
TRICT



AND ENTER AN AMAZ-
ING CHINESE MUSEUM



HEH! MORE
SNOOPING
FOREIGN DEVILS'
MAKE GOOD
CUSTOMERS
THOUGH
LATER....



THIS IS THE ALTAR WHERE THE CHINESE MAKE OFFERINGS TO THE GODS BY BURNING PIECES OF INCENSE CALLED JOSS STICKS - WHICH THEY PLACE IN THESE HOLES

THIS IS WHERE HANSON WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE IF I COULD ONLY FIND SOME SIGNIFICANT CLUE HMMH WHAT A WEIRD LOOKING CHARACTER.

GOOD LORD! THAT RING! THE PICTURES I TOOK OF THE CORPSE SHOWED THAT HANSON HAD WORN AN ALMOND SHAPED RING FOR A LONG TIME.... UNTIL HIS FINGERS WERE CUT OFF!

MY WHAT AN INTERESTING RING MAY I LOOK AT IT?

TO BE SURE IS ANCIENT JEWEL OF CHANG DY-NASTY

HAVE MANY MORE FINE RINGS.. MY PRETTY ONE. YOU CARE TO SEE.... MAYBE?

SAY WHERE'S THAT FUGITIVE FROM A RICE BOWL LEADING RUTH? I THINK IT'S TIME THE FOX PUT IN HIS APPEARANCE!

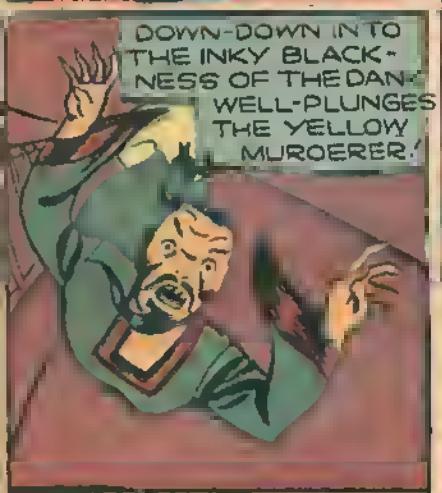
PLEASE TO STEP IN HERE...



JUST THEN THE CLICK OF
A CAMERA STARTLES
THE MANDARIN

AND SO SHE MEETS FATE
OF OTHER TOO ENLIGHT-
ENED POLICEMEN ---
WHO IS THAT?





Corporal COLLINS INFANTRYMAN

IN AN ICEBOUND NORTH RUSSIAN PORT AN AMERICAN SUPPLY SHIP ARRIVES FOR UNLOADING -

GLAD TO HEAR THAT CAPTAIN, BUT SEVERAL IMPORTANT SHIPMENTS HAVE FAILED TO ARRIVE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS



WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING TO THROW THEM OFF THE TRACK BUT THESE HEINIES SEEM HAVE A SIXTH SENSE FOR SPOTTING OUR MOST IMPORTANT CARGOES!

AS YOU SAY, THERE MUST BE A WEAK SPOT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE! MAYBE THE PORT SUPERVISOR IN THIS FORSAKEN SPOT HAS A THOUGHT!

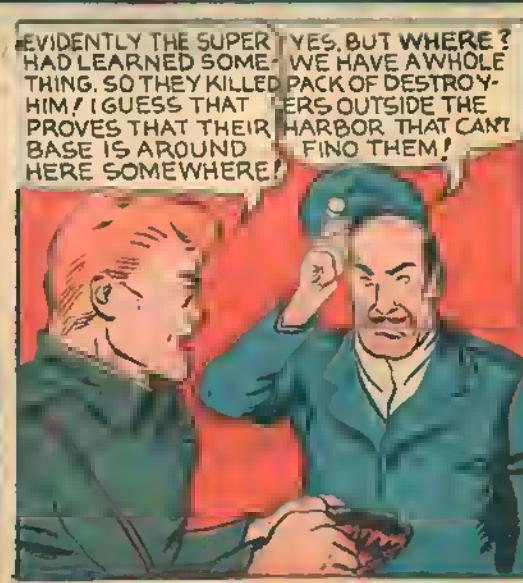


OH, YES, HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE! WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING HIM - HEY, SLAPSIE!

FOURTEEN YEARS I BEEN UNLOADING CARGO WITHOUT YOUR HELP, NOW SCRAM!

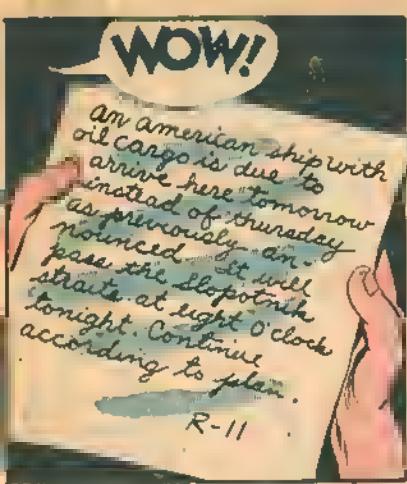








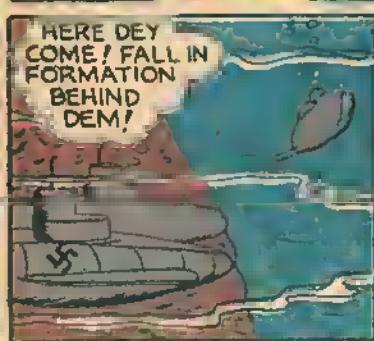








YAH! YAH! ANYTHING YOU SAY!



THE END



GRIMLY, THE
BOY DE-
TECTIVE,
DUSTY BATTLED
AGAINST OVER-
WHELMING
ODDS IN
"ONE NIGHT
OF TERROR."



THE BREATH
OF DEATH
WAS HOT ON
JU-JU
WATSON'S
FACE WHEN
THE SHIELD
CAME CHARG-
ING TO HIS
RESCUE
AGAINST THE
HOODED
PLAQUE

THE NEW SHIELD-WIZARD

NO. 6

COMES TO
YOU
WITH A

BANG

ON SALE AT YOUR NEWSSTANDS NOW!

THE WIZARD FLUNG
HIMSELF AT THE INSANE
DOCTOR WHO BE-
LIEVED "THE DEAD
CAN WALK AGAIN."

Beethoven

GREATEST OF ALL THE WORLD'S COMPOSERS.
THE MIGHTIEST MUSICAL GENIUS OF ALL
TIME, THE NAME BEETHOVEN IS ALMOST A
SYNONYM FOR MAGNIFICENT MUSIC!!



BEETHOVEN GREW UP IN POVERTY- IN A SHABBY,
SQUALID HOME WHERE THERE WAS NEVER
ENOUGH OF ANYTHING ...



BORN IN 1770, IN THE TOWN OF
COLOGNE ON THE RHINE ...



YOU FOOL. YOU'VE MIS-
PLACED MY SLIPPERS
AGAIN!

HE'S BEATING HER
AGAIN. I CAN'T BEAR
TO WATCH!

HIS FATHER WAS A CHRON-
IC DRUNKARD AND USED
TO BEAT THE BOY'S MOTH-
ER...

THE BOY'S ONE REFUGE WAS
HIS PIANO. FOR HOURS ON
END HE WOULD PLAY AND
PLAY...

ONE DAY HIS FATH-
ER NOTICES THAT
THE BOY SEEMS
TO HAVE TALENT-

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF
THE LAD'S MUSIC HIS
FATHER AND MOTHER
WOULD EFFECT TEARFU
RECONCILIATION...

SIT DOWN
THERE AND
PRACTICE 'TIL
I TELL YOU
TO STOP!

ONCE DECIDED THAT THE
CHILD HAD TALENT, HIS FATH-
ER FORCED HIM TO THE PIANO
IN HIS USUAL BRUTAL MANNER

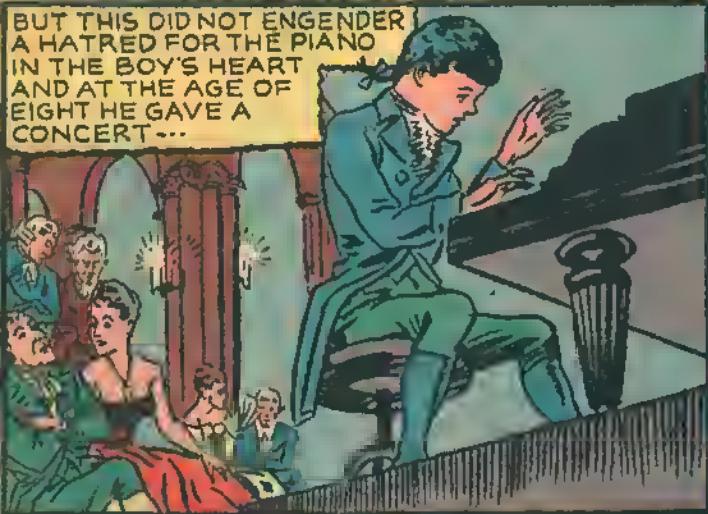


HE AND A DRINKING COMPANION WOULD
TUMBLE THE BOY OUT OF BED IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...



AND FORCE
HIM TO
PLAY UN-
TIL HE
COULD
HOLD UP
HIS HEAD
NO LONGE

BUT THIS DID NOT ENGENDER
A HATRED FOR THE PIANO
IN THE BOY'S HEART
AND AT THE AGE OF
EIGHT HE GAVE A
CONCERT...

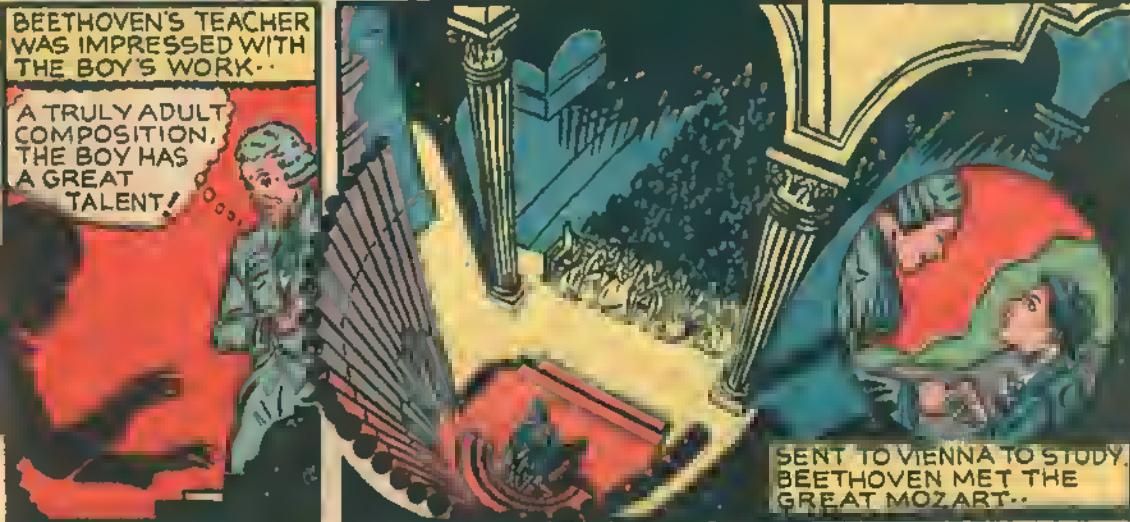


AT THE AGE OF TEN HE BE-
GAN COMPOSING --



BEETHOVEN'S TEACHER
WAS IMPRESSED WITH
THE BOY'S WORK--

A TRULY ADULT
COMPOSITION,
THE BOY HAS
A GREAT
TALENT!



SENT TO VIENNA TO STUDY
BEETHOVEN MET THE
GREAT MOZART..

MOZART SAW A GREAT FUTURE FOR THE
BOY...

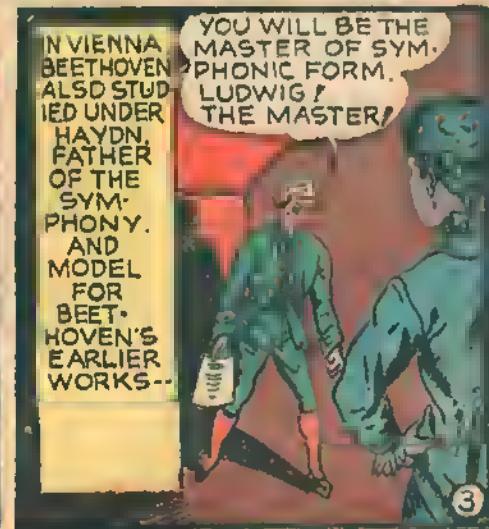
WONDERFUL,
TRULY
WONDERFUL!

YOU MUST NEVER STOP
PLAYING AND COMPOSING.
YOU WILL BE A GREAT
MAN, ONE DAY!

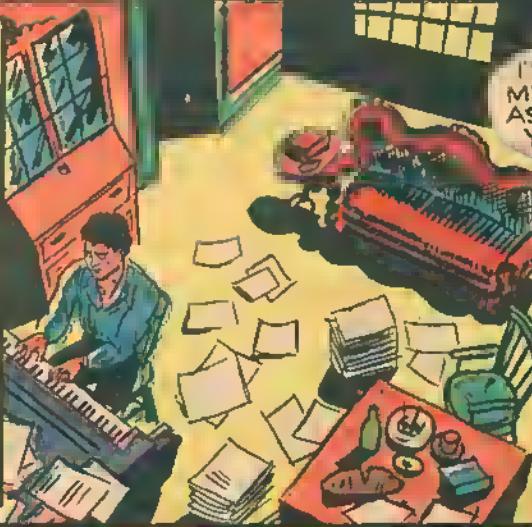


IN VIENNA
BEETHOVEN
ALSO STUD-
IED UNDER
HAYDN,
FATHER
OF THE
SYM-
PHONY.
AND
MODEL
FOR
BEET-
HOVEN'S
EARLIER
WORKS--

YOU WILL BE THE
MASTER OF SYM-
PHONIC FORM.
LUDWIG!
THE MASTER!



AS HE REACHED Maturity, BEETHOVEN'S SACRIFICES FOR HIS MUSIC BEGAN IN EARNEST. HE SPENT LONG, WEARY HOURS AT HIS WORK. HIS ROOMS WERE IN PERPETUAL DISORDER. HIS CLOTHES UN-CARED FOR. NOTHING MATTERED - BUT TO CREATE -



HIS MANNERS WERE RUSQU AND UNCIVIL - I'LL MAKE AS MUCH NOISE AS I PLEASE - YOU HAG! YOU'LL HAVE TO BE QUIET AT NIGHT!



IT'S THAT CRAZY MUSICIAN AGAIN!

HE WOULD TORTURE HIS LAND-LADIES WITH HIS HABIT OF SPILLING WATER ON HIS WRISTS TO COOL OFF AT NIGHT WHEN HE GREW WARM PLAYING



YOU OWE A MONTH'S RENT YOU SWINDLER!

AND WHEN HE TIRED OF A PLACE HE WOULD SIMPLY MOVE WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE TO HIS LAND-LADY...

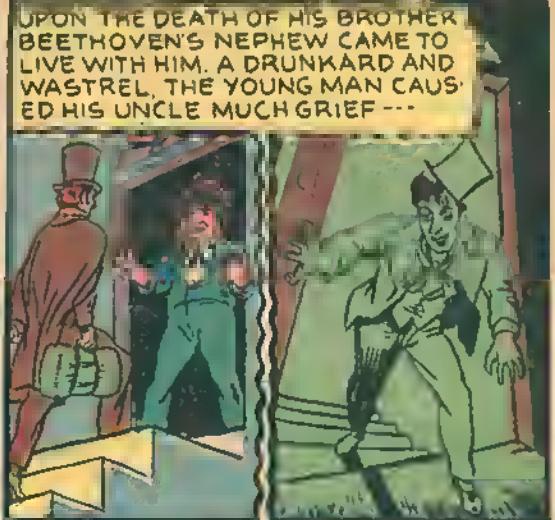
AS HIS REPUTATION GREW, BEETHOVEN BEGAN TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE ARISTOCRACY -

AMONG THESE WAS THE COUNTESS GUICCIARDI WITH WHOM HE FELL IN LOVE -





ABOUT THIS TIME HIS FAME AS A CONCERT PIANIST WAS AT IT'S ZENITH...



UPON THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER BEETHOVEN'S NEPHEW CAME TO LIVE WITH HIM. A DRUNKARD AND WASTREL, THE YOUNG MAN CAUSED HIS UNCLE MUCH GRIEF ...



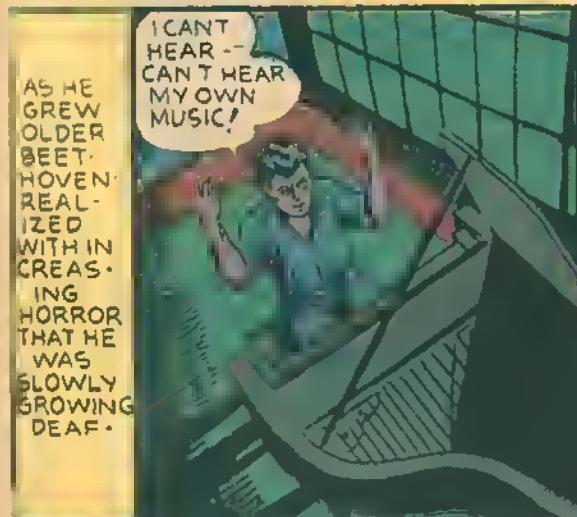
I WILL NOT TOLERATE YOUR ESCAPADES ANY LONGER. I HAVEN'T THE TIME TO WASTE ON YOU - YOU DRUNK FOOL!



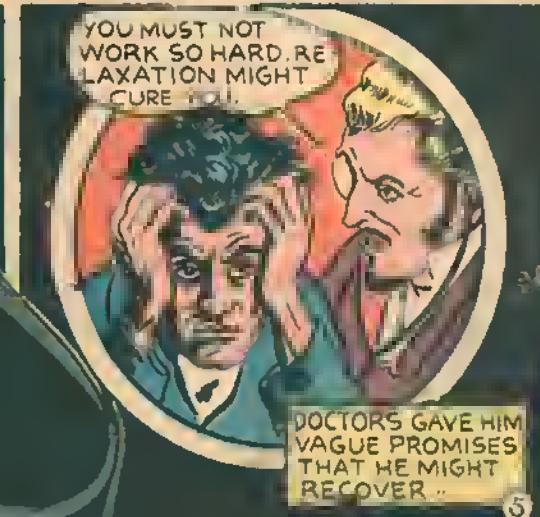
BEETHOVEN LOVED TO TAKE LONG WALKS IN THE COUNTRY...



THERE ARE TOO MANY OF YOU AROUND THESE PARTS!



AS HE GREW OLDER BEETHOVEN REALIZED WITH INCREASING HORROR THAT HE WAS SLOWLY GROWING DEAF.



YOU MUST NOT WORK SO HARD. RELAXATION MIGHT CURE YOU.

DOCTORS GAVE HIM VAGUE PROMISES THAT HE MIGHT RECOVER...

I MUST FINISH
THIS SYMPHONY
WHILE I CAN
STILL HEAR
A LITTLE!

BUT BEET-
HOVEN
KNEW HE
WAS DOOM-
ED TO DEAF-
NESS AND
REDOU-
LED HIS
EFFORTS
AT COM-
POSITION-



MISFORTUNE PILED
ON MISFORTUNE AND
BEETHOVEN DEVELOPED
OTHER AIL-
MENTS...



WHEN BEETHOVEN'S IMMORTAL NINTH
SYMPHONY WAS PLAYED FOR THE
FIRST TIME THE AUDIENCE APPLAUDED
WILDLY - BUT BEETHOVEN COULD
NOT HEAR IT... HE WAS STONE DEAF
NOW...



BEETHOVEN'S HEALTH GREW WORSE
AND AS HE LAY IN BED ONE NIGHT A
FURIOUS STORM RAGED OUTSIDE...

THE
MASTER
ROSE IN
BED,
SHOOK
HIS FIST
AT THE
ROARING
ELEMENTS
AND THEN
IN THE
MIDST OF
A MIGHTY
CLAP OF
THUNDER

HE FELL BACK--DEAD!



ONCE - LISTENING TO BEETHOVEN'S GREAT
MUSIC WAS THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FEW
WHO PAID FOR CONCERTS.. TODAY, THROUGH
RADIO - EVERYBODY IS GROWING TO KNOW
AND LOVE BEETHOVEN'S MUSIC!

TALES FROM THE WITCH'S CAULDRON

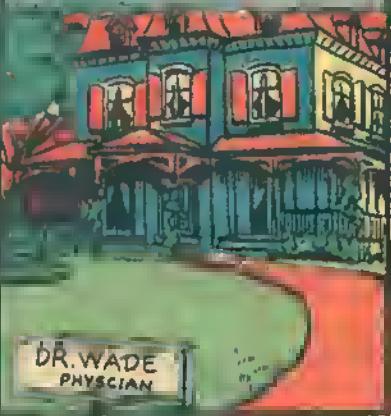
THE NIGHT IS FILLED WITH GLOOM AND THE WIND WHISTLES THROUGH THE TREETOPS AS THE WITCH STIRS HER BOILING CAULDRON AND ANOTHER UNCANNY TALE BEGINS WITH A STRANGE, BROKEN DOWN, OLD HOUSE WHERE NOBODY HAS LIVED FOR MANY YEARS.



HEE HEE, LUCIFER - THAT HOUSE HAS BEEN THAT WAY FOR YEARS!



SUDDENLY ONE MORNING THE LAWN WAS FRESHLY CUT THE SHUTTERS FIXED AND ON THE LAWN WAS A BRIGHT NEW DOCTOR'S SIGN...



A NEIGHBOR ACROSS THE STREET-

GOOD GRACIOUS, LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S MOVED INTO THE WALLACE HOUSE SINCE LAST NIGHT!



THAT DAY, AT HIS HOME, JOHN PAYNE FINISHES HIS DINNER ---

OOO... I'M GETTING ANOTHER OF THOSE ATTACKS!



JOHN PAYNE VISITS DR. WADE ---

I'M JOHN PAYNE, DOCTOR. IT'S MY HEART. I HAD TO SEE YOU!

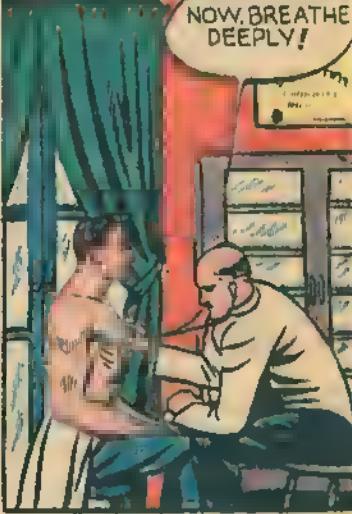
OH, DR FRANK PAYNE'S BROTHER.



YES, BUT I DON'T EVEN LIKE TO HEAR HIS NAME MENTIONED. NOW, ABOUT THIS PAIN - I FELT IT RIGHT AFTER DINNER. IT WAS EXCRUCIATING!



NOW, BREATHE DEEPLY!



JOHN PAYNE, I HATE TO TELL YOU THIS BUT YOU HAVE EXACTLY THREE MONTHS TO LIVE!



HE'S FAINTED - THE SHOCK WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM!



IT IS UNFORTUNATE ISN'T IT, PAYNE, THAT A DECENT YOUNG MAN LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE TO DIE WHILE OTHER VERMIN LIVE TO A RIPE OLD AGE - PEOPLE LIKE YOUR DEAR BROTHER, FRANK. SHALL WE SAY?



DEATH IN THREE MONTHS.
DR. WADE WAS RIGHT. IT
ISN'T FAIR, FRANK CHEAT-
ED ME OF OUR FATHER'S
LEGACY. HE'S DONE VIOCIUS
THINGS TO MANY PEOPLE-
YET HE'LL LIVE AND
I'LL DIE!



IN DR. WADE'S OFFICE ---

HA HA! IN ANOTHER
HALF HOUR DR. FRANK
PAYNE WILL DIE BY HIS
OWN BROTHER'S HAND
AND I SHALL HAVE
HAD MY REVENGE!



IN HIS LIBRARY, DR. FRANK
PAYNE SPENDS A QUIET
EVENING --



SUDDENLY OUT OF THIN AIR
A VOICE SPEAKS TO HIM --
H-H-H IN ALL THAT TIME
HOUR DR. FRANK PAYNE
WILL DIE BY HIS OWN BROTH-
ER'S HAND



MUST BE SOMETHING
WRONG WITH ME. I
SEEM TO BE HEARING
THINGS BUT THAT
SOUNDED LIKE WALLACE'S
VOICE!



YES, IT IS I, FRANK.
YOU NEVER EX-
PECTED TO SEE
ME AGAIN.
EH?



AND I NEVER WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
EITHER. BUT I'M GOING TO DIE, FRANK -
AND I'M TAKING YOU WITH ME!



I'M GOING TO DIE IN THREE
MONTHS BUT YOU AREN'T GOING
TO LIVE TO ENJOY THE MONEY YOU
CHEATED ME OF!



HEE, HEE, AND NOW --
LET'S GO BACK SEVER-
AL YEARS AND SEE --



WHYALL THIS HAPPENED
AND WHY DR. FRANK
PAYNE NOW LIES
DEAD!



BUBBLE.
CAULDRON.
BUBBLE-
AND
FINISH
YOUR
TALE!



SEVERAL YEARS AGO --
DR. FRANK PAYNE AND
DR. WALLACE
WERE
OPER-
ATING!



BE CAREFUL - PAYNE.
OR HE'LL DIE!



HE'S
DEAD.

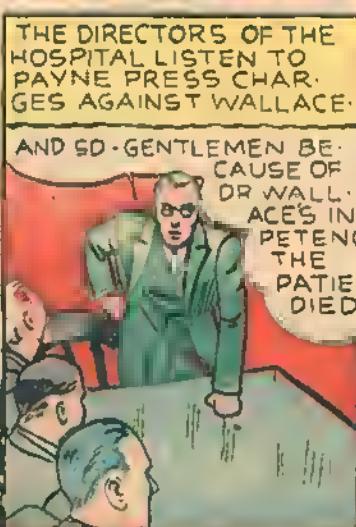


IT'S YOUR
FAULT, WALLACE
YOU BUNGLING
FOOL!



THE DIRECTORS OF THE
HOSPITAL LISTEN TO
PAYNE PRESS CHAR-
GES AGAINST WALLACE.

AND SO - GENTLEMEN BE-
CAUSE OF
DR WALL-
ACE'S INCOM-
PETENCE
THE
PATIENT
DIED!



-WALLACE PLEADS HIS
CASE --

BUT GENTLEMEN,
DR PAYNE WAS IN CHARGE
I WAS THE ONE WHO CAU-
TIONED HIM
ABOUT THE
OPERATION



A DIRECTOR RISES TO PAYNE'S DEFENCE--

THAT'S ENOUGH - DR. WALLACE!
YOU ARE SLANDERING THIS HOSPITAL'S FINEST SURGEON!



DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL'S STAFF
DR. WALLACE BECOMES A BROKEN MAN--

THE PAPERS ARE FULL OF PAYNE'S LIES ABOUT ME!



YOU MUST TELL THEM I DON'T BE A FOOL. WALLACE. IT WAS NOT MY FAULT. PAYNE, WHY SHOULDN'T PAYNE, YOU KILLED THAT PATIENT! I LET YOU BE THE SCAPEROAT?

I NEVER LIKED YOU ANYWAY!



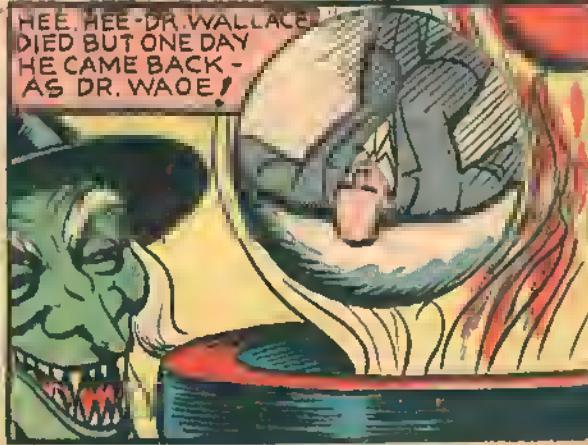
ALLRIGHT - PAYNE, BUT SOME DAY YOU'LL PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME!



HEART-BROKEN, DISGRACED, DEPRIVED OF HIS ONLY MEANS OF EARNING A LIVELIHOOD, DR. WALLACE TOOK THE ONLY WAY OUT!



HEE, HEE - DR. WALLACE DIED BUT ONE DAY HE CAME BACK - AS DR. WAOE!



AND NOW - JOHN PAYNE STANDS OVER HIS BROTHER'S DEAD BODY - - - SMOKING REVOLVER IN HAND - - -

DEAD!
I
KILLED
HIM!

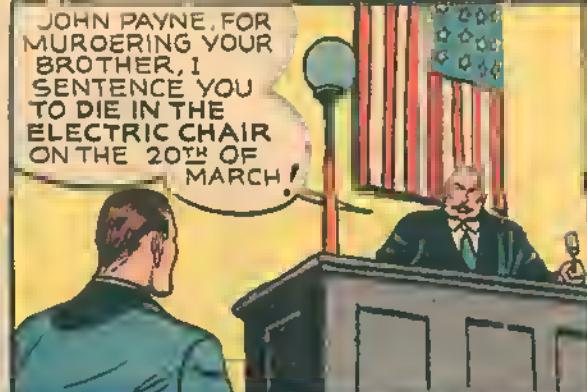


I HEARD A SHOT. HEY, THAT GUY LYING OVER THERE! YOU SHOT HIM!



CAUGHT YOU RED HANDED
EH-BUDDY?
YOU'LL FRY FOR THIS!

JOHN PAYNE, FOR
MURDERING YOUR
BROTHER, I
SENTENCE YOU
TO DIE IN THE
ELECTRIC CHAIR
ON THE 20TH OF
MARCH!



FINAL CHECK-
UP BEFORE
YOU'RE EL-
ECTROCUTED,
OLO
MAN!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO
TELL ME, I KNOW MY
HEART'S ONLY GOOD
FOR THREE
MONTHS,
ANYWAY!
I MIGHT
AS WELL
DIE
NOW!

ON THE CON-
TRARY-YOUR
HEART'S
GOOD-FOR
ANOTHER
FIFTY
YEARS.
TOO BAD
YOU'LL
HAVE TO
DIE, NOW!



BUT-I WAS TOLD-I ONLY HAD
THREE MONTHS TO LIVE!

THE SHOCK OF THE PRISON DOCTOR'S
DISCLOSURE IS TOO MUCH FOR JOHN
PAYNE ---



NEXT DAY-

WHY THE
WALLACE HOUSE
IS ALL
GONE
TO
POT
AGAIN
LAST
NIGHT!



YOU SEE, LUCIFER, D.
WALLACE ONLY CAME
BACK FROM THE DEAD LONG
ENOUGH TO TRICK JOHN
PAYNE INTO KILLING HIS
BROTHER, THEN HE RE-
TURNED TO THE
SPOOK, REINCARNE
CAME FROM. HEE-HEE
PRETTY STORY-ISN'T
IT?



THE TALK OF THE TOWN !

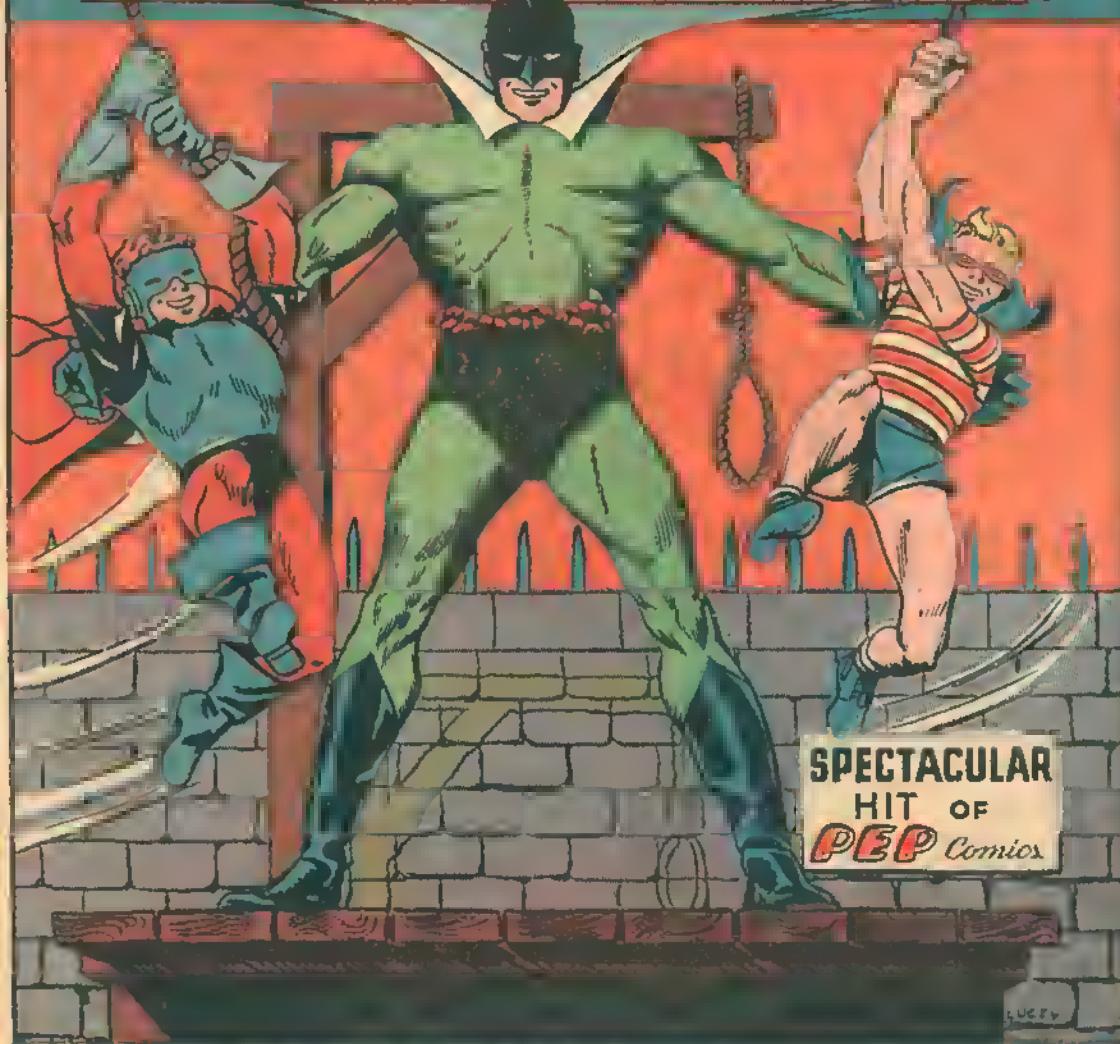
THE NEW COMIC BOOK EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT—
AND BUYING **ON SALE NOW!**

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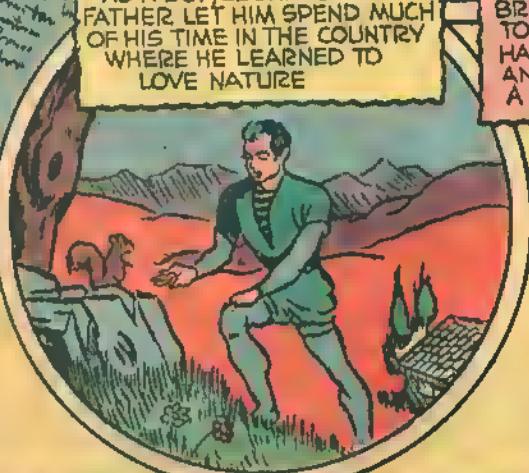


LEONARDO DA VINCI

GREATEST OF ALL MINDS
IN THE RENAISSANCE WAS
LEONARDO DA VINCI. ART-
IST, INVENTOR, PHILOSOPH-
ER. HE ANTICIPATED MANY
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY
DEVICES OF MODERN TIMES.
THIS IS THE STORY OF HIS
LIFE.



AS A BOY, LEONARDO'S
FATHER LET HIM SPEND MUCH
OF HIS TIME IN THE COUNTRY
WHERE HE LEARNED TO
LOVE NATURE



WHEN HE WAS
BROUGHT BACK
TO THE CITY, HIS
HALF BROTHERS
AND SISTER TOOK
A DISLIKE TO HIM



BY NATURE - Leonardo da Vinci
1452-1519

ALWAYS STUDYING YOU
BOOKWORM



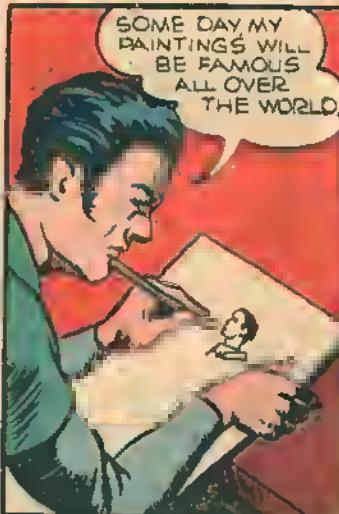
BUT LEONARDO
IGNORES THEIR
TAUNTS AND
SPENDS ALL HIS
TIME STUDYING
MATHEMATICS AND
LEARNING TO PLAY
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



...AND DRAWING PICTURES
FROM LIFE.



SOME DAY MY
PAINTINGS WILL
BE FAMOUS
ALL OVER
THE WORLD.



LEONARDO'S FATHER SHOWS
THE BOY'S PAINTINGS TO
VERROCCHIO, A GREAT
ARTIST OF THE
TIME.



LEONARDO BECOMES VERROCCHIO'S
PUPIL

YOU MUST PAINT
LIFE AS YOU SEE IT...
NOT AS YOU THINK
IT OUGHT TO BE



AS LEONARDO GREW OLDER, HIS
INTERESTS INCLUDE EVERY FIELD,
—
GEOLOGY.

THIS IS A RARE
ROCK FORMATION.
I MUST TAKE A
SPECIMEN TO
MY LABORATORY

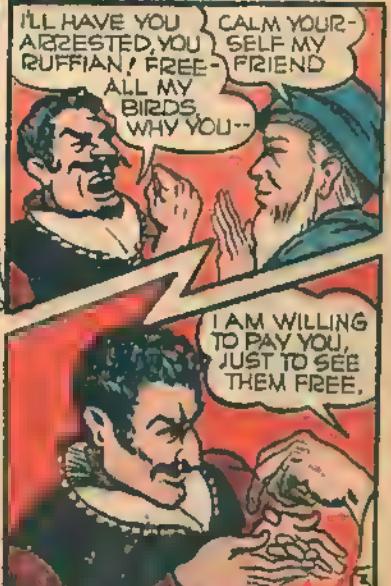
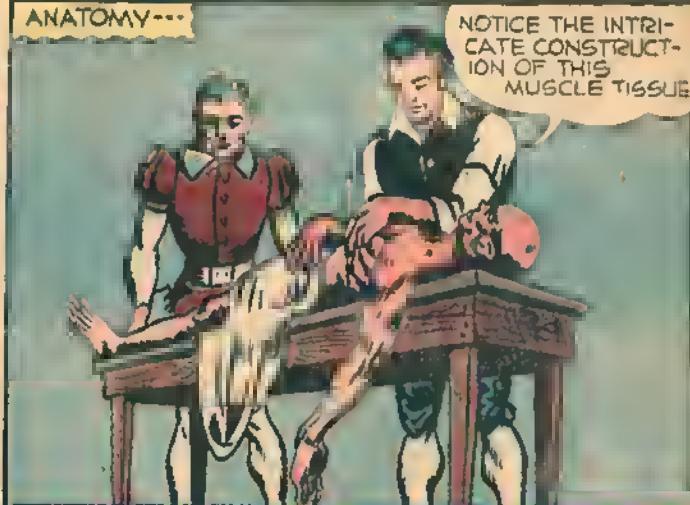
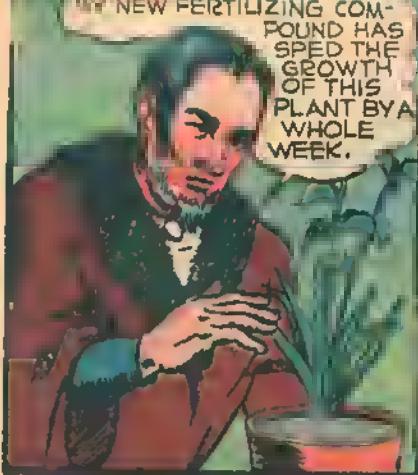


BOTANY...

NEW FERTILIZING COMPOUND HAS SPED THE GROWTH OF THIS PLANT BY A WHOLE WEEK.

ANATOMY...

NOTICE THE INTRICATE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MUSCLE TISSUE



LEONARDO WATCHES THE BIRDS IN FLIGHT.



INSPIRED BY HIS SPECULATIONS, LEONARDO AND AN ASSISTANT CONSTRUCT A CRUDE FLYING MACHINE.



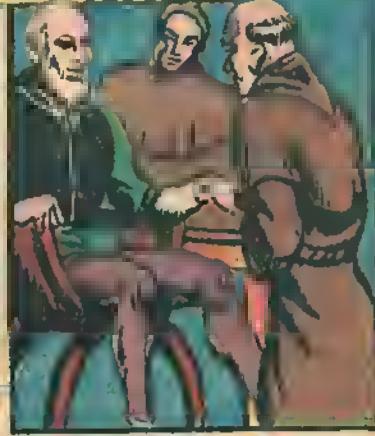
LEONARDO'S ASSISTANT PREPARES TO TAKE OFF.



HE CRASHES TO THE GROUND.



THE MONKS OF SAN DONATO COMMISSIONS LEONARDO TO DO A PAINTING.



THIRTY MONTHS LATER LEONARDO COMPLETES THE FAMOUS ADORATION OF THE MAGI.



LEONARDO HAD A PECCULAR PHILOSOPHY.

BAH! ONLY BUT, MASTER DESIGN FOR YOU HAVE THE MASTER. NOT FINISHED EXECUTION IS FOR SER. THE VANTS.

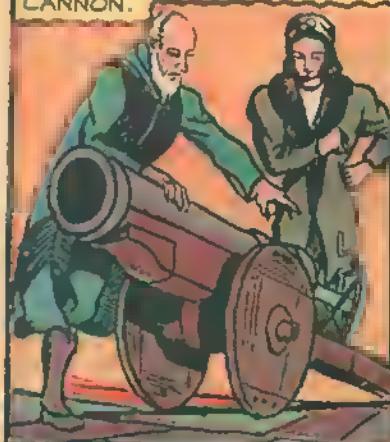


LEONARDO ENTERS THE SERVICE OF THE DUKE OF MILAN.

I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE LEISURE YOU NEED TO CARRY ON YOUR WORK.



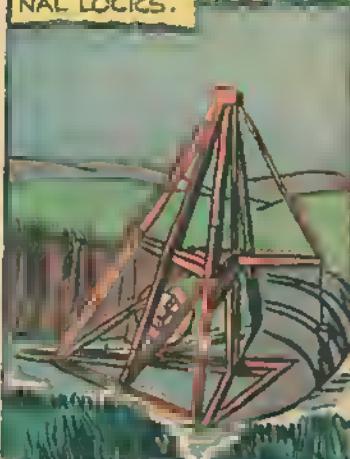
LEONARDO CONSTRUCTED THE FIRST BREECH LOADING CANNON.



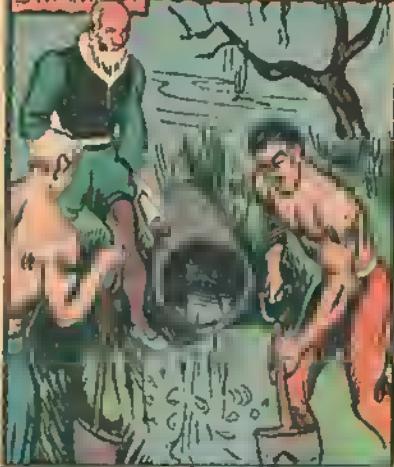
DESIGNED THE EARLIEST MACHINE GUN . . .



INVENTED THE FIRST CANAL LOCKS.



DEvised METHODS FOR DRAINING SWAMPS



AND PLANNED A COMPLETE SEWAGE SYSTEM.



IF WE BUILD THESE SEWERS, OUR CITIES WILL BE CLEANER, AND A HEALTHIER PLACE TO LIVE IN.



ONE DAY, LEONARDO BEGAN WORK IN FRESCO AGAIN.



AND AFTER SEVERAL YEARS, FINISHED HIS IMMORAL MASTERPIECE -- "THE LAST SUPPER."



AT ABOUT THIS TIME LEONARDO MET MONA LISA WHOSE LOVELY FEATURES AND MYSTERIOUSLY SAD SMILE CAPTIVATED HIM.

MONA LISA'S HUSBAND HAD PAWNED HER JEWELS AND MADE HER WEAR BLACK.

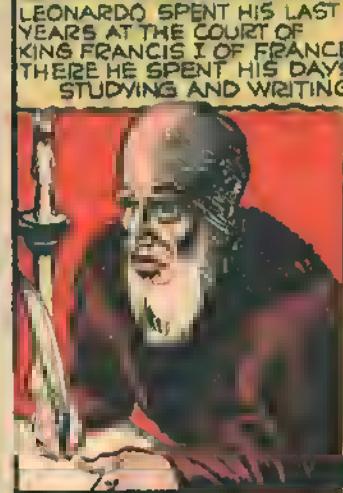
THUS IT HAPPENED THAT SHE WORE SUCH SOMBER CLOTHES WHEN SHE SAT FOR LEONARDO.



THIS WILL BE THE GREATEST PAINTING OF MY CAREER



LEONARDO SPENT HIS LAST YEARS AT THE COURT OF KING FRANCIS I OF FRANCE. THERE HE SPENT HIS DAYS STUDYING AND WRITING.



AND TOWARD THE END, DICTATING TO HIS DISCIPLES.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WORLD, DEPENDS UPON SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATION-EXPERIMENT.



IN HIS EIGHTIES AND ACTIVE TO THE LAST, LEONARDO DIED



IN THE LOUVRE IN PARIS, HANGS THE MONA LISA. MILLIONS WHO SEE IT EACH YEAR MARVEL AT THE GENIUS OF THE MAN WHO CREATED THIS SUPERIOR WORK OF ART.



EVERY ISSUE OF BLUE RIBBON COMICS CONTAINS MORE FASCINATING STUDIES OF FAMOUS HISTORICAL FIGURES.

MR JUSTICE



by
S. COOPER

HIGH ON A DESOLATE CRAIG, MIDST THE
OVERHANGING GRAY MISTS, SHROUDING
THE GRIM BLEAK SCOTTISH MOORS,
STOOD ROGER'S CASTLE, FOR CENTUR-
IES UNTO BITED BY ALL, SAVE GENER-
ATION AFTER GENERATION OF CARE-
TAKERS, UNTIL ONE

I HAVE
THE MOST
UNCANNY
FEELING
THAT SOME
STRANGE FORCE
IS DIRECTING
ME TO THAT
OLD CASTLE!



AN AGED CARE TAKER ANSWERS THE STRANGERS RING -

SIR HAROLD! YOU'VE COME AT LAST!

THAT IS MY NAME, ALRIGHT. BUT I'M NO KNIGHT. HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME, ANY HOW?

LOOK AT THAT PORTRAIT! THERE CAN BE NO MISTAKE - YOU ARE SIR HAROLD!

JOVE! YOU'RE RIGHT - THAT IS A PERFECT LIKENESS OF ME - NO MISTAKING THAT!

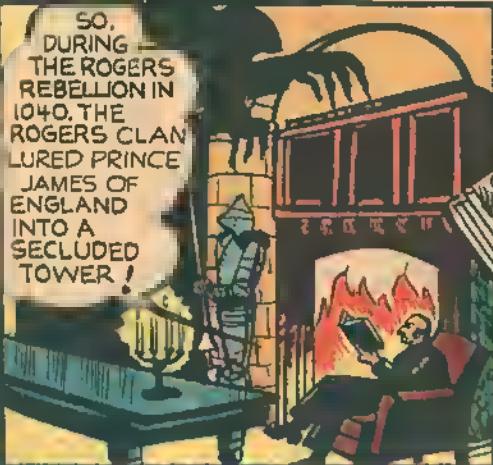


NOW I'M CERTAIN THAT I'VE BEEN BROUGHT TO THIS PLACE FOR SOME DEFINITE PURPOSE. I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL I FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!

LATER. THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING HERE THAT WILL ENLIGHTEN ME!

HMM, HISTORY OF THE ROGER CLAN. THIS SHOULD BE INTERESTING!

SO, DURING THE ROGERS REBELLION IN 1040, THE ROGERS CLAN LURED PRINCE JAMES OF ENGLAND INTO A SECLUDED TOWER!



AND GUARANTEED HIM SAFETY



THEN SUDDENLY
THEY TURNED
ON HIM -

STOP!
THIS IS
TREACH-
ERY!

AND SO THE ROGERS
THOUGHT TO ASSUME
THE THRONE OF
ENGLAND -

AT LAST WE'VE DONE
AWAY WITH HIM!

BUT THE SPIRIT OF JAMES, ROSE
FROM HIS BODY, KILLED HIS
MURDERERS AND -

FLOATED OFF INTO SPACE -

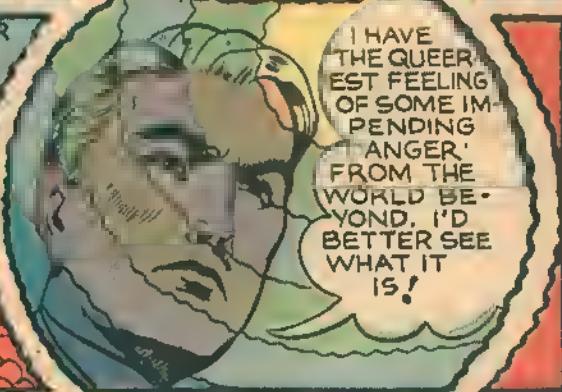
WHAT FANTASTIC
STUFF! HOW
COULD THERE
POSSIBLY BE
ANY TRUTH
IN IT!

MIght AS WELL
GO TO BED, AND
LOOK AROUND
IN THE MORN-
ING!

AND THEN -

AS ROGERS
LIES ASLEEP
AN EERIE
SHADOW
APPEARS
AT HIS
WINDOW -

GREAT
HEAVENS -
WHAT'S
THAT ?



MEANWHILE -
ROGERS HAS
REACHED
THE TOUCH-
STONE -

THIS IS THE STONE THE
SPIRIT INDICATED!

AS HE RUBS THE STONE, ROG-
ERS IS SUDDENLY WHIRLED
INTO COSMIC SPACE -

NOW TO RUB
IT AND SEE
WHAT HAPPENS!

HIS BODY IS TOSSED
ABOUT VIOLENTLY FOR
WHAT SEEMS LIKE AN
ENDLESS PERIOD OF
TIME -

UNTIL -
GREAT HEAVENS!
WHAT A SENSATION -
MY SENSES
ARE STILL
REELING!

MEANWHILE -
STRANGE, I'M BEING
GUIDED TO THE OLD
ROGERS CASTLE!

MR. JUSTICE REACHES THE CASTLE...
I WONDER
WHAT SUPER-
NATURAL
FORCE IS
INHABITING
THIS PLACE!

AS MR. JUSTICE DESCENDS
HE SEES SO, IT'S YOU, ROG-
ERS - NO WONDER
THE FEELING OF
DANGER WAS
SO CLOSE!

YES, I'VE COME
BACK TO DESTROY
YOU - THIS TIME
I CAN-
NOT
FAIL!

I HAVE SENT ONE OF MY DESCENDANTS INTO THE PAST TO DESTROY YOUR EARTHLY BODY!

I'LL STOP HIM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

I'LL KEEP YOU HERE UNTIL HE HAS COMPLETED HIS TASK!

YOU FOOL! YOUR TREACHERY LED TO YOUR OWN FALL AS A MORTAL - NOW IT WILL LEAD TO YOUR COMPLETE DESTRUCTION!

THEIR TITANIC STRUGGLE CARRIES THEM FURTHER AND FURTHER INTO STELLAR SPACE -

THE ROYAL WRAITH REACHES INTO SPACE AND -

THE BOLT OF LIGHTNING PARALYZES
THE GHOUL OF ROGERS



THAT'LL HOLD
HIM UNTIL I'VE
TAKEN CARE
OF THE
DESCEND-
ANT!



A MOMENT LATER
THE ROYAL
WRAITH
RACES INTO
THE LAND
OF THE
PAST!



MEANWHILE THE MORTAL ROGERS
HAS REACHED THE BURIAL PLACE



AND RACES TOWARD
THE CRYPT WHERE
HIS EARTHLY FORM
IS BURIED



THIS
IS THE
ONE!



AND SUDDENLY-
WHAT'S THIS? IT'S
MOVING! IT CAN'T
BE ALIVE!



MEANWHILE - THE
SPIRIT OF MR JUSTICE
ARRIVES AND ASSUMES
THE DEAD BODY OF
PRINCE JAMES -



MEANWHILE AS HIS MORTAL BODY BURNS, THE SPIRIT OF ROGERS DISINTEGRATES AND DISAPPEARS INTO NOTHINGNESS -



BACK TO MR. JUSTICE WHO HAS RESUMED HIS SPIRIT FORM -

NOW, TO PUT THIS BODY WHERE IT BELONGS!



I'VE STILL GOT A JOB TO DO HERE - I MUST DESTROY THAT TOUCHSTONE!



NOW, NO ONE WILL EVER AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO DISTURB THE REALM OF THE PAST!



A MOMENT LATER THE ROYAL WRAITH RACES BACK INTO THE PRESENT



ARRIVING HE AGAIN ASSUMES HIS MOR-TAL FORM -



SOON AFTER -

WELL, PAT, ALL READY TO CONTINUE OUR WALK?

NO THANKS. I HAVE TOO MANY IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!



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